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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the town of Griffith on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its incorporation on October 29, 2004;

Whereas, The story of Griffith, Indiana, began in 1891 when Jay and Elmer Dwiggins bought farm land surrounding the interchange point to establish what they referred to as "a factory town";

Whereas, Because of its proximity to the railroads, the Dwiggins envisioned Griffith as a manufacturing metropolis rivaling Chicago;

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Whereas, In its prime, Griffith saw more than 180 trains come through each day; only two railroads remain today - the Elgin Joliet and Eastern and the Grand Trunk;

Whereas, Griffith had no legitimate town government, and its 359 citizens were dependent upon the townships and county to provide basic governmental services;

Whereas, In late October 1904, Griffith citizens John Miller, Reuben Andrews, and Lou Southworth met to plan the first town election, which was held the following month;

Whereas, In the 2000 census, Griffith recorded a population of 17,334 and covered an area of approximately seven square miles;

Whereas, Today, Griffith is governed by a town council composed of five members and a clerk-treasurer; and

Whereas, Indiana's history is made up of small towns just like Griffith. The citizens of Indiana should remember fondly the many contributions that communities like Griffith have made to the development of our state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates the town of Griffith, Indiana, on the occasion of the
3 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Griffith Town
6 Council President Stan Dobosz.

